



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

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## Statement From the Boy Scouts of America Regarding Adult Leadership Standards

Irving, Texas (July 27, 2015) – The following statement may be attributed to the Boy Scouts of America.

“Today, the Boy Scouts of America National Executive Board [overwhelmingly/unanimously – if applicable] voted to ratify a resolution that removes the national restriction on openly gay adult leaders and employees. The resolution is effective immediately.

“Chartered organizations will continue to select their adult leaders, and religious chartered organizations may continue to use religious beliefs as criteria for selecting adult leaders, including matters of sexuality. This change allows Scouting’s members and parents to select local units, chartered to organizations with similar beliefs, that best meet the needs of their families. This change also respects the right of religious chartered organizations to choose adult volunteer leaders whose beliefs are consistent with their own.

“Moving forward, we will continue to focus on reaching and serving youth, helping them grow into good, strong citizens. By focusing on the goals that unite us, we are able to accomplish incredible things for young people and the communities we serve.”

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### About the Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scouts of America provides the nation’s foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, which helps young people be “Prepared. For Life.®” The Scouting organization is composed of nearly 2.4 million youth members between the ages of 7 and 21 and approximately 960,000 volunteers in local councils throughout the United States and its territories. For more information on the Boy Scouts of America, please visit [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org).